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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **LOAD BALANCING TO SUPPORT TAPE AND DISK SUBSYSTEMS ON SHARED  
FIBRE CHANNEL ADAPTERS**

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Enclosed are also:

☒ 14 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 6 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 21)  
☒ 2 Sheet(s) of formal drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ Form PTO 1449

## CLAIMS AS FILED

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Total Claims	21	-20 =	1	X	\$ 18	=	\$18
Independent Claims	3	-3 =	0	X	\$ 86	=	\$0
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